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FOR: SERVICE VERIFYING SYSTEM, AUTHENTICATION REQUESTING TERMINAL, SERVICE UTILIZING TERMINAL, AND SERVICE PROVIDING METHOD

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of September 25, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance, paragraph 3 states in part:

The closest prior art in the field does not teach the combination of features of the claimed invention. The particularly novel and non-obvious features include the Applicant's claimed arrangement and use of an authentication information database, an available service information database, and a permission message information databases in authentication of a user's requests to access a first and a second service, including the updating of the permission message information database upon authorization for use of an available second service by a user, where the updating includes disabling of a permission message stored in the database.

Although the above comment appears to address Claim 1, it is respectfully noted that independent Claim 14 does not include this language. For example, Claim 14, being directed to a service providing method, does not include a reference to structure as may be implied

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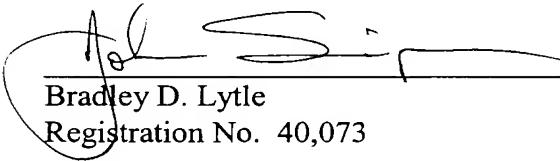
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and/or inferred by the examiner's statement such "an authentication information database",
"an available service information database" or "a permission message information database".

Claim 14 is patentable by virtue of the limitations recited therein rather than the structure of
the apparatus. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above-quoted statement does
not apply to Claim 14 to the extent the language used in the statement differs from the
language of the claim.

Respectfully Submitted,

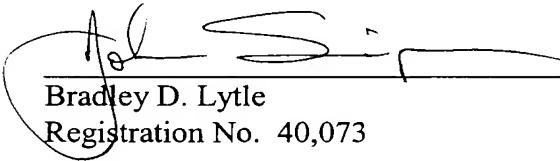
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